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STRIKING DIVERSITY OF OPINION.

Synopsis of first column editorials of the Portland Oregonian and Seattle Post-Intelligencer on Chairman Dick's reply to Chairman Salen's challenge for a joint debate between Mark Hanna and J. H. Clark, republican and democratic candidates for United States senator.

(Oregonian.)

It is the sure mark of the pettifogger to begin a specious plea with the words "In all candor." This is what Chairman Dick does in his answer to the John H. Clark challenge for a joint debate with Senator Hanna. The letter is out. It is a poor, weak thing, ready persuaded but it can only reply it will persuade those who are at the fair mind.

The truth is that republicans are divided precisely as the democrats are; and even if they were not, it would be rather to their discredit than otherwise. It is Mr. Dick's idea of politics that every man in a party should take his ideas from the central body of the organization and entertain no others.

The intellectual convictions of Hanna and Foraker never clash. Their views are cast in the same mould. It is only their ambitions that get at cross purposes. This is not, as Mr. Dick seems to think, a mark of mental superiority; it is rather the stamp of craven minds, knowing policy only and never truth.

Take the country over and Mr. Clark, if he has the dexterity can find in republican differences a parallel for every democratic embarrassment which Mr. Dick so jauntily exploits. He may for example, ask whether Hanna belongs with tariff-revisionists like Babcock and Cummins, or with standpatters like Aldrich and Payne. Does he favor Cuban reciprocity, with Roosevelt, or stand with the "insurgents" against it? Does he go to the limit of "imperialism" with Root, or short of "consent of the governed" with Hoar? Is he for gold with Lodge, or silver with Carter and Wolcott? Will he say with secretary Root that the war amendments are a failure, or support the Payne proposal to enforce them to the letter on the Southern representation in Congress.

Perhaps there is this much truth in Mr. Dick's indictment: that individual freedom is greater in the democratic than in the republican camp. It has always been a debatable problem whether as many republicans would have bolted McKinley as democrats bolted Bryan if the position of the parties on the money question in 1896 had been reversed.

THE GOOD INDIAN FOUND.

Professor Starr of the University of Chicago has evolved a theory that "the American people are fast developing into Indians." It is his idea that the American Indian of the present or recent past is a development of the Mongolian race and that the Indian of the future will be a development of the Caucasian. This, like all of Professor Starr's many queer theories, is interesting; but it is not so important for immediate consideration as some of the discoveries which are an outgrowth of it. For instance, it has prompted the Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser to make some mental investigations with this astonishing result:

"If the development of which Professor Starr speaks should result in giving us only the best traits of the American Indians, the result would be gratifying, for they possessed in an eminent degree some of the finest qualities of the human family. Cruel they may have been, but they never lied. Treachery towards an enemy may have been one of their traits, but they never deceived a friend: They would take the scalps of their foes, but no exigency would force them to rob or steal. And so of

some of their characteristics which might well be imitated by the white races, and adopted in lieu of some of our own."

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The Gardiner Gazette asks its readers to paste in their hat the information that Oregon became a state in 1859 and has an area of 66,030 square miles. The Gazette must be allowing for forest reserves as the state contains 66,000 square miles.

The leading paper of Oregon and the leading paper of Washington each have views on Chairman Dick's letter decline

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The Life of Pope Leo XIII, by Rev. J. J. McGovern, D. D., is at elegantly gotten up volume of over 600 pages, profusely and beautifully illustrated, dealing with the life and life-work of the late Sovereign Pontiff of the Catholic Church. The Imprimatur is by the Archbishop

James Edward Quigley of Chicago As a historical work, which at the same time, does not partake in the slightest of the "dry dust" order this book will commend itself not only to members of the Catholic Church but to all readers as well, especially since the decease of the venerable prelate, respected the world over, which occurred so recently.

Read what Astoria's prominent people have to say regarding these books. Observe that each is particularly qualified to speak of the subject brought to his or her notice

WHAT A CLERGYMAN THINKS.

Astoria, Ore., Sept. 21, '03 I have been requested by The Astorian to write a recommendation of a work entitled "Life and Life-work of Pope Leo XIII." by J. J. McGovern, D. D. It is a pleasure to comply with this request. In this volume we find condensed in compact form, all the facts of interest in the life of the great world-figure concerning whom it treats. It is preeminently a practical biography, intended for the busy man with little time to spare; it displays an insight into the great pontiff's career which denotes the close observer and careful student on the part of compiler. No man, be he a Catholic or a

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must needs prove uplifting. The typographical work is well done and the illustrations are highly interesting, considering the price for which the volume is offered it is all that could be desired. We bespeak for this work a wide circulation. JOHN WATERS, Pastor of St. Mary's Church.

AN EDUCATOR'S OPINION.

Astoria, Ore., Sept. 21 '03 I am familiar with Webster's Common Sense Dictionary, and can say that it gives the best authority, and contains about all that the busy per-

son cares to learn when referring to a book of this kind.

H. S. LYMAN, County Superintendent of Schools.

AS TO THE BOOK OF RECEIPTS.

Astoria, Sept. 21, '03 After an inspection of Cutler's Red Book of Priceless Recipes, I can truthfully subscribe to its excellence as a most valuable compendium of information for the household, and take pleasure in placing myself on record to that extent. I may especially recommend those portions of the book relating to the care of the health. MRS. F. D. KUETTNER.

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